



What You Can Do:

1. Report open burning of tires, plastics, foams, etc. at AS-EPA at 633-2304.
2. For after hours, please contact AS-EPA's 24 hrs. respond service at 733-6149.

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MISSION STATEMENT

To provide regulatory services to promote clean air, safe and clean drinking water, and land free of pollutants, in order to protect the environment and safeguard the quality of natural resources, upon which life on our islands depends.



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**REMEMBER
ONLY YOU
CAN PREVENT
OPEN BURNING**



The Hidden Hazards of Open Burning

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO

**PROTECT YOUR HEALTH AND
THE ENVIRONMENT**

Burning household waste or toxic materials in open piles, or inside barrels is a violation of the Federal Clean Air Act and our local open burning laws & regulations. The smoke or fumes from these fires contains dangerous chemicals that affect your health and pollute our environment. Stopping open burning practices will help us all breathe easier.

OPEN BURNING OF TOXIC WASTE IS A HEALTH HAZARD.

When you burn toxic materials outdoors, the potential cost to your health, your home, your neighbors and the environment far exceeds the cost of adequate collection services. Protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and money by avoiding burning toxic materials outdoor.

CONCERNING OPEN BURNING

What is considered "open burning"?

Open burning is defined as "the burning of any matter in such a manner that products of combustion resulting from the burning are emitted directly into the ambient (surrounding outside) air without passing through an adequate stack, duct or chimney." Generally speaking anytime someone lights a fire outdoor is considered "open burning".

What is released to the air when open burning takes place?









Pollutants vary depending on the type of garbage burned, but typically emissions include dioxins, ash, furans, halogenated hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, lead, barium, chromium, cadmium, carbon dioxide, sulfur dioxide, arsenic or mercury.

Breathe ... Don't Burn!

- Outdoor fires pollute the air
- Smoke is unhealthy to breathe
- Recycle or properly dispose waste
- You can be fined for illegal burning

Potential Health effects:

Lungs and eyes irritation, headaches, dizziness, asthma attacks, coughing and wheezing, and even death in some cases.

Never burn these	Items	NO
	Newspaper, cardboard and other paper products	X
	Plastics and other synthetic materials	X
	Paints, household and agricultural chemicals	X
	Tires and other rubber products	X
	Asphalt shingles and oils	X
	Treated Lumber and building materials	X
	Wires & household appliances	X
	Buildings, mobile homes	X

EPA REGULATIONS:

ASCA 24.0512 OPEN BURNING

No person shall dispose of combustible material by open burning, or ignite, cause to be ignited, permit to be ignited, or maintain any open fire within the territorial limits of American Samoa, except as follows:

1. Open fires for the cooking of food for human consumption on other than commercial premises;
2. Fires for recreational or ceremonial purposes;
3. Fires to abate a fire hazard, providing a hazard is declared by the fire department or fire district having jurisdiction in the area;
4. Fires for prevention or control of disease or pests;
5. Fires for training personnel in the methods of fighting fires in compliance with 24.0511(1);
6. Fires for the disposal of dangerous materials, but only where there is no alternate method of disposal and such burning is approved in advance by the Director;
7. Agricultural burning;
8. Other open burning as deemed necessary are approved in advance by the Director.